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**Box Patent Application**  
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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

**Applicant:** DOUGLAS A. TRECO, MICHAEL F. CONCINO AND  
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**Title:** NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT FOR OPTIMIZED PRODUCTION OF  
PRODUCTS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

|               | <u>Pages</u>                  |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Specification | 74                            |
| Claims        | 7                             |
| Abstract      | 1                             |
| Declaration   | [To be Filed at a Later Date] |
| Drawing(s)    | 7                             |

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/166,508, filed November 19, 1999.

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This application is entitled to small entity status. A small entity statement will be filed at a later date.

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| Basic filing fee                             | \$355  |
| Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9       | \$603  |
| Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$40 | \$80   |
| Fee for multiple dependent claims            | \$135  |
| Total filing fee:                            | \$1173 |

Under 37 CFR §1.53(f), no filing fee is being paid at this time.

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